

"A Free Asia in a Free World"

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for a Free Asia, Inc.

A
NEW
APPROACH
TO THE
VITAL NEED
FOR

Freedom in Asia

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Origin

THE COMMITTEE for a Free Asia was formed in San Francisco in the spring of 1951 by private citizens. The time had come, they felt, to launch a people's movement for freedom by combatting rampant communist aggression in Asia. Mr. Brayton Wilbur and other Committee founders had watched with interest and appreciation the growing success of the work of the National Committee for a Free Europe, with its realistically operated program of rallying the exiled patriots from the tragic European Red Belt and striking back at the Soviet-communist usurpers of Czechoslovakia through the hard-hitting Radio Free Europe.

THESE Committee members felt strongly, too, that the communist encroachments in Asia were no less ominous, no less horrible to their victims than the Kremlin's systematic conquest of Eastern Europe. In point of time, they felt, the threat to the national independence of Asian countries constituted a more present danger than anything happening in Europe.

THUS the Committee for a Free Asia:

To establish channels of direct communication between the people of Asia and the people of the free world everywhere;

To assist non-communist elements in the countries of Asia in realizing and maintaining the ideals of individual and national freedom;

To expose the communist conspiracy for what it is and strike back through an integrated people's program in the psychological field.

Meaning

LET no one equivocate regarding the stark reality of the menace to the personal freedom of every individual in Asia and the imminent danger to all free institutions there! The brutal attack on the Republic of Korea in June, 1950, ripped the mask from the communist plan of conquest and slavery there: the new imperialism of the second half of the 20th century. The harsh challenge of Soviet militarism in Asia is being met on the battlefields. The governments concerned are mobilizing political and economic powers to defend national sovereignties. It remains for the people—of Asia, of America and the world—to launch a spectacular psychological drive to free the individual, to ensure the emancipation of humanity.

For this great cause, the Committee for a Free Asia has been created. With the support of the people—of us all—it will succeed.

The Program

ASIA consists of the vast continent, peninsulas and islands in the Pacific Ocean area. It is not a political entity; it is not an ethnic or religious unit. It doesn't need to be, nor should it be. But its size and diversities mean that a program of cooperation with its peoples must itself be diverse and widespread. In the psychological approach to the halt of communism in Asia, there is no single key, no one project that can do the job alone. To keep alive the hope of the people of China and northern Korea already under the Red yoke, to inspire the peoples of imminently threatened areas, and to mobilize the thinking and good-will of those more distant from communist imperialist attack, the Committee for a Free Asia will offer:

Radio Free Asia, utilizing transmitters first on the West Coast of the United States and in the Philippines, will construct and operate powerful facilities of its own on the Asian perimeter at the earliest date possible. Broadcasting will begin in Chinese (Mandarin and Cantonese) and English, expanding into programs in other tongues understood by millions upon millions.

Assistance to Temporary Exiles to mobilize their experiences, their talents, their valuable psychological insight into the nature of the communist threat in coordinated editorial, speaking and educational programs.

Dissemination of Fresh, Truthful Material on the Red campaign of aggression and intimidation against the people of Asia. The editorial program will include publication of a magazine for youth, the *Voice of Free Asia*, for distribution among visiting students in the United States and the intellectually alert young people of Southeast Asian countries; assistance to publications in Asia whose aim is freedom; circulation of news stories and scholarly reviews of communist tactics in Asia.

Educational Aids through scholarships, exchange professorships and sometimes specific grants to meet an emergency situation. The textbooks which bright-eyed Korean youngsters will study this fall will have been made possible by the Committee gift to the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Korea of one thousand tons of paper, enough for four million textbooks with democratic delineation of the three R's.

To see how you may cooperate in this new and challenging crusade, please turn the page.



The Bell shown on the front cover hangs in the Temple of Confucius in Peking. Once its deep tones symbolized calmness and harmony in a society of ethical standards within a tolerant world. Today, if it tolls at all, it tolls over the dead, the dying and the still-living victims of totalitarian tyranny, communist-style. Tomorrow it must and will ring out in freedom, its peals a paean to those who worked and contributed to the defense of freedom, the liberation of humanity, the downfall of slavery.

The CRUSADE FOR FREEDOM under the leadership of General Lucius D. Clay began its work in 1950 when the American public contributed generously to its financing of the National Committee for a Free Europe. The Committee for a Free Asia, now the sister organization to the European body, will depend for its successful operation on the support freely given by the American people to the Crusade.

Remember that freedom is indivisible. The solemn American warning that our nation could not exist half-slave and half-free applies now to Asia and to the world. What all free people want for their children and grandchildren is not something that they can receive, to have and to hold, if other children in Asia lie prostrate in slavery. Our responsibility is global. By our response *today* our children and their companions in Asia together may walk and play and grow up in dignity and freedom.

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